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SUBJECT: GENERAL SOMOZA'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENTS MOLINA,

LOPEZ, AND ARANA

1. GENERAL SOMOZA ADVISED ME, EARLY EVENING OF NOVEMBER 16, THAT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS MOLINA, LOPEZ AND ARANA WITH HIM IN NICARAGUA HAD IN HIS OPINION BEEN "VERY SUCCESSFUL". SOMOZA SAID THAT MOLINA AND LOPEZ WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATORS PRESENT HAD HAD FULL DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. "APPOINTED MILITARY GROUPS" ON SALVADORIAN AND HONDURAN SIDE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO "WORK OUT" REMAINING DIFFERENCES REGARDING BORDERS IN TIME TO HAVE PROTOCOL OF GENERAL AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MEXICO CITY BY NEGOTIATORS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES ON DECEMBER 15. THIS PROTOCOL WOULD BE AD REFERENDUM AND HEADS OF STATE WOULD MEET AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER DECEMBER 15 DATE, HOPEFULLY TO COMPLETE PEACE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SOMOZA SAYS THAT HE IS OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS BECAUSE INDIVIDUAL NEGOTIATORS NOW HAVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR OWN CHIEFS OF STATE AND MILITARY NEGOTIATORS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO WORK OUT
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SUITABLE BORDER COMPROMISE.

3. SOMOZA FURTHER SAID THAT PRESIDENT ARANA HAD BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN PRESSING APPROPRIATE POINTS AND THAT HE COULD "SEE THE LIGHT" AT

THIS POINT IN RESOLVING DIFFERENCES. SOMOZA EXPRESSED OPINION
THAT WHILE THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE, THERE IS EVERY REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT PARTICULAR EFFORT AT RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES
BETWEEN SALVADOR AND HONDURAS CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. SOMOZA INDICATED
THAT MEETING WENT OFF EXTREMELY WELL AND THAT HE IS VERY
PLEASED WITH RESULTS.
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